

Jeremy V. Hyde
 Everard A. Irish
 Marthania Jean-Baptiste
 Billye R. Jimerson
 Lynn C. Johnson
 Jeremy J. Liesveld
 Yvette E. Macklin
 Bryce A. May
 Matthew A. Meyers
 Alexander N. Njunge
 Joyce E. Ogbu
 Okenzie N. Okoli
 Ignatius E. Otteh
 Vanessa S. Parrish
 Leslie J. Poudrier
 Pilar M. Prince
 Gina L. Ryan
 Josue S. Sanchez
 Celeste M. Seger
 Christopher D. Snyder
 Ini B. Upke
 Candice R. Wells

To be assistant engineer

Kenneth Chen
 Peter Littlehat, Jr.
 Lindsay Q. Quarrie
To be junior assistant engineer

Rafael Gonzalez
To be assistant scientist

Shane T. Eynon
 Nelson H. Guadalupe
 Madeline I. Maysonet-Gonzalez
 Leah R. Miller
 Sara A. Villarreal

To be assistant environmental health officer

Christopher D. Dankmeyer
 Kai E. Elgethun
 Michelle E. Kenney

To be junior assistant environmental health officer

Elizabeth A. Smith
To be assistant veterinary officer

Yandace K. Brown
To be assistant pharmacist

Adewale A. Adeleye
 Todd D. Angle
 Nabeel Babaa
 Jonathan R. Boress
 Mitchell W. Bowen
 Kevin L. Cummings
 Chaka N. Cunningham
 Jordan C. Davis
 Melanee M. Davis
 Lindsay E. Davison
 Tyler C. Dreese
 Kendra N. Ellis
 Gustave A. Gabrielson
 Carlisha S. Gentles
 Andrews A. Gentles
 Monica M. Haddican
 Susan E. Hagy
 Shane E. Henry
 Cindy C. Hong
 Lindsay R. Krahmer
 Benjamin N. Le
 Gina L. Luginbill
 Justin A. Mathew
 Regina L. Miller
 John P. Mistler
 Vanessa R. Muller
 Trami T. Nguyen
 Uchechukwu A. Nwobodo
 Bum-Jun Oh
 Long T. Pham
 Forge X. Pham
 Kelly H. Pham
 Joseph S. Smith
 Brian C. Tieu
 Ruby Tiwari
 Allen R. Tran
 Jayson L. Tripp
 Jeffrey Vang
 Jason K. Vankirk
 Phuong-Anh T. Vu

Jason R. Wagner
 Corinne M. Woods
 Peng Zhou

To be assistant therapist

Russell J. Case
 William A. Church
 Andrew M. Hayes
 Amanda C. McDonald
 Jeffrey G. Middleton

To be assistant health services officer

Cara Alexander
 Henry J. Allen
 Ayana R. Anderson
 Melka F. Argaw
 Shenena A. Armstrong
 Tyson J. Baize
 Kimberly U. Blackshear
 Monique M. Branch
 Onieka T. Carpenter
 Jeffrey M. Cox
 Emily T. Crarey
 Jessica L. Damon
 Terri C. Davis
 Ginelle O. Edmondson
 Alyson B. Eisenhardt
 Jason W. Engel
 Laura M. Erhart
 Aisha S. Faria
 Juana F. Figueroa
 Mia L. Foley
 Israel Garcia
 Michael H. Hansen
 Paul D. Hoffman
 Keemia S. Hurst
 Margaret A. Kemp
 Brian L. Lees
 Travis J. Mann
 Leticia M. Manning
 Michelle A. Matthey
 Christopher J. Meyer
 Ethny Obas
 Dustin J. Oxford
 Victoria L. Parsons
 Seraphine A. Pitt Barnes
 Phillip K. Pope
 Kristin M. Racz
 Diyo R. Rai
 Marquita D. Robinson
 Alyson S. Rose-Wood
 Jeffery R. Showalter
 Sarah E. Swift
 Devin N. Thomas

To be junior assistant health services officer

Kelly Abraham
 Matthew R. Beymer
 Chawntel M. Cartee
 Jana L. Caylor
 Louis R. Corbin
 Kimisha L. Griffin
 Richard W. Kreutz
 Shawn M. Nickle
 Carloyn L. Noyes
 Raymond A. Puerini
 Jezaida Rivera
 Yolanda L. Rymal
 Letisha S. Secret
 Jerome R. Simpson II
 Donnamarie A. Spencer
 Jason E. Stevens
 Katie R. Watson
 Tracee R. Watts
 Shambrekia N. Wise

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 226; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Cynthia A. Covell

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

PERMITTING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration H. Con. Res. 108, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER.

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 108) permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 108) was agreed to.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORK OF COURAGEOUS JOURNALISTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we now proceed to S. Res. 404.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 404) recognizing the life and work of war correspondent Marie Colvin and other courageous journalists in war zones.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 404) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 404

Whereas The Sunday Times reporter Marie Colvin was killed during the shelling of a makeshift media center in the Baba Amr neighborhood of the besieged Syrian city of Homs on February 22, 2012, along with French photographer Rémi Ochlik;

Whereas Ms. Colvin leaves behind a beloved family where she grew up in the State of New York, was educated and began her journalistic career in the United States, and throughout her career as one of the foremost war correspondents of her generation exemplified American values of humanity, accountability, decency, transparency, and courage;

Whereas Ms. Colvin worked with relentless bravery to report on the recent uprising in Syria and to expose crimes against humanity, human-rights violations, and the ravages of war in conflict zones throughout the world, including the Balkans, the Chechen Republic, Libya, and Sri Lanka, where she was seriously wounded and lost vision in 1 eye;

Whereas Ms. Colvin shed light on human-rights violations through her courageous reporting on how these conflicts affected the lives of individuals;

Whereas the actions of Ms. Colvin in Timor-Leste are widely credited with averting a massacre;

Whereas Ms. Colvin said, "Covering a war means going to places torn by chaos, destruction, and death, and trying to bear witness. It means trying to find the truth in a sandstorm of propaganda when armies, tribes or terrorists clash. And yes, it means taking risks, not just for yourself but often for the people who work closely with you.";

Whereas the work of Ms. Colvin exemplifies the best qualities of journalism;

Whereas Ms. Colvin was awarded the 2000 Courage in Journalism Award from the International Women's Media Foundation for behind-the-lines action in Kosovo and the Chechen Republic, twice named Foreign Reporter of the Year at the British Press Awards, named the Journalist of the Year by the Foreign Press Association in 2000, and named Woman Journalist of the Year by the Foreign Press Association in 2010; and

Whereas Ms. Colvin and brave journalists have lost their lives serving as the conscience of the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends its sympathy to the families of Ms. Colvin and other reporters who have died reporting from conflict zones;

(2) recognizes the bravery of Ms. Colvin and other correspondents and photographers who have lost their lives while exposing the truth;

(3) calls on the world community to honor the memories of Ms. Colvin and other reporters; and

(4) calls on the government of Syria to halt the brutal attacks against the people of Syria and to respect their human rights.

AUTHORIZING SENATE CHAMBER PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 405, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 405) authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 405) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 405

Resolved, That paragraph 1 of rule IV of the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and Senate Office Buildings (prohibiting the taking of pictures in the Senate Chamber) be temporarily suspended for the sole and specific purpose of permitting the Senate Photographic Studio to photograph the United States Senate in actual session on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the hour of 2:15 p.m.

SEC. 2. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements therefore, which arrangements shall provide for a minimum of disruption to Senate proceedings.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5, S. 2230, AND S. 2231

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told there are three bills at the desk due for a first reading, and I ask unanimous consent that the clerk report all three.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

A bill (S. 2230) to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

A bill (S. 2231) to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading on each of the three bills but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser of Arizona, Vice Richard D. Land.

AUTHORITY FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding

the adjournment of the Senate, the RECORD remain open until 7:15 p.m. this evening for the submission of written colloquies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Monday, March 26, at 2 p.m.; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 337, S. 2204, the Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or designees; further, that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2204 be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, and that if cloture is not invoked, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1789.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be up to two rollcall votes on Monday at about 5:30. The first vote will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2204. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1789, the postal reform bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 26, 2012, at 2 p.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PETER S. AIRL AND ENDING WITH SHAMBREKIA N. WISE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 22, 2012: